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ANTI-FOREIGN FEELING.

One of the most odious terms which foreigners are in the habit of applying to prominent Chinese is that of foreign-hater, and the bitterest invective which the Chinese apply to each other is to call them pro-foreign, or "devil-slaves." The feeling is sufficiently general to form an integral part of the ethics of the people. And if one considers a little what the sentiments of a patriotic Chinese must naturally be, it will be hard to come to any other conclusion than that hatred of the foreigner is not necessarily a characteristic of the worst class of the Chinese population. Nowhere has the feeling risen to such a height as in the province of Hunan, and the Hunanese are distinguished for energy and capacity beyond most of their fellow nationals. Many of the most important functions of the administration are in their hands, the military defence of the Yungtze and Coast provinces, the management of Turkestan, with numerous high political offices and there is no section of the whole Chinese people who carry so much weight in the councils of the Empire as the Hunan section. Without some positive qualifications it is impossible that the Hunanese could have attained and retained this leading position; and that they do not have the distinction is pretty well proved by the testimony of those foreigners who come in contact with them in the ordinary way of business intercourse. The Hunan officials, when out of Hunan, are found individually to be intelligent and fair-minded, nearly always well men and easy to get on with. It is therefore a great misfortune that it should happen to be the case, that the Hunanese division of the Chinese population, who are the most implacable foes to foreigners, foreign practices and appliances. And the outlook is not encouraging to those who long to see harmony prevailing between China and the Western nations, for there is little prospect of Hunan being converted to love of foreigners, and we do not gather from any quarter that anything better than unwarmed truce is hoped for by the most sanguine, while many seem to think that there is practically no remedy but naked force for the bitter hatred of the Hunanese to foreigners.

If Hunan be accepted as the leader of Chinese opinion as Lancashire is sometimes, and perhaps with less reason, said to be of English opinion, the general prospect as regards international relations is anything but bright. The people who are interested and sensibly benefited by the advent of foreigners into the country form a small section of the population for their views to prevail over, or even perceptibly to influence, the nation as a whole; and so we may take it that the bulk of the non-trading classes regard the residence of foreigners in the country with various degrees of aversion, while the Ministry, as a class, would wish nothing better than to see every foreigner should be banished from the land. The public exhibitions of this feeling are usually expressed in the minds of its objects a retaliatory resentment, so that they come to detect the Chinese only a few degrees less intensely than the Chinese do them. But the resentment, combined with the social jealousy which is an attribute of the Western as well as the Eastern nations, is by the wiser of the Chinese so held in check by prudent considerations that they manage to ingratiate themselves with foreigners as the risk of being stigmatised as traitors by their compatriots. The men of progress as we call them are not more the friends of foreigners than the most bigoted reactionaries, but they know they can make no headway without the active co-operation of foreigners, when therefore, solely for their own ends, they conciliate.

In the case of desiring to be rid of them, but not desiring to be rid of them, we find in the Hunanese mind a contradiction between the liberal and progressive in life. Perhaps his whole policy and life-work has been to place China in a condition to dispense with the services and aid of all foreigners whatsoever. The difference between such an anti-foreigner and the rational, full-mouthed colonist is simply that the one is practical in adapting means to ends while the other loses himself in blind rage. The recent history of the surroundings of Li Hsueh-chang show that either his lieutenants think the time is at hand for them to throw off their pro-foreign mask. The split with Captain Liao and the more recent misunderstanding with Captain Von Harkhausen are symptoms of the ascendancy of a new spirit. The influence brought to bear on the Viceroy Li during his illness a year ago to force him, at the risk of his life, to discard foreign medical assistance, which was happily defeated at the time, has been continued ever since. The influence of Chuang Pan-chang has always been similar, and the eldest true son of the Viceroy never loses the character which the people attribute to him. Between them they have overruled the Viceroy's desire to extend the advantages of foreign education to his grandsons, and recently they have secured for another victory over the old man by inducing him to suspend the foreign education of his remaining son, who has for some years been under the tutelage of Mr. C. D. Fryer. The young gentleman who occasionally cuts a figure in the foreign society of Tientsin therefore runs the risk of being something worse than a spoiled childman, for among his countrymen he will pass as one thoroughly master of all that foreigners can teach him, which will not enhance their reputation.

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a burning heat. The Marquis Tsenos, the Tsenos K'ing-shan, the Ma family, the Lo family, and such like, who speak and write European languages with ease and fluency, are by nature and training, and the force of their actual position the most strenuous enemies of the foreigner, for the simple reason that they consider themselves qualified to render all the services for which hitherto foreigners have been highly paid. The temperance of that sentiment may be inferred from the tone of the famous "Defence," whose author belongs to the hereditary aristocracy. His Excellency "Lord" Li, who is so fond of flying balloons about one thing and another, is not only believed to be an aspirant to lucrative posts held by foreigners, but a diligent learner for their expression. If the Chinese Minister in London, or his foreign Secretary, had been allowed to expose the dealings between his lordship and Tsenos K'ing-shan this year, he would doubtless have been thrown on the schemes of Young China; and had any one less highly connected been implicated with the brilliant financier we may be sure the means of extricating Tsenos K'ing-shan would not have been so promptly found. It was this knowledge no doubt that moved the capitalist to the philo-sophic apathy with which he met his trouble, and which makes him will a personage in Chinese state affairs.

THE SILVER QUESTION.

With exchange at 2s. 8d. the question which has been so often asked during the last year—how much lower is silver going?—will be asked with still greater anxiety. That silver cannot be entirely demitted out of the world goes without saying, and the metal must therefore reach bottom sooner or later. But if its value is to be measured by the appreciating metal, gold, the bottom may perhaps still be a great distance off, for to the appreciation of gold no limit can be foreseen, now that the Monetary Conference has turned out a failure. The scramble for the yellow metal will now become greater than ever and the price will rise accordingly. One of the directions in which relief has been looked for has been the discovery of new and rich gold fields. The South African fields promise well for the proprietors, but their output is but a drop in the ocean, as compared with the increasing demand that must exist now that the domestication of silver by the leading commercial nations of the world has been confirmed. It is likely, then, that rich gold fields, sufficient to keep pace with the demand, will be found elsewhere?

To this question a startling answer has been returned by Edward Suess in a book entitled "Die Zukunft des Silbers," in which the burning topic is taken up from the geological point of view. We are only acquainted with this book through a notice of it appearing in our contemporary the *Zeitschrift*, in which we find the writer's conclusions summarized. Mr. Suess is a mineralogist, but his one metal is silver not an intermediary step. The idea of a universal gold currency he declares to be utterly impracticable, as there is not and never can be enough gold to serve the purpose; it is silver which must ultimately become the standard metal of the world, and this for the simple reason that it can be produced in sufficient quantities while gold cannot. Mr. Suess says that though gold is found in the alluvial zone, (b) the "gossan," as it is called by miners, where sulphides and pyrites have been decomposed, by external influences, and also (c) in the deeper zone of sulphides, only the two first zones are of importance as regards its production. Modern appliances enable the miner to go deeper, but with increasing depth gold becomes scarcer and the particles smaller until it disappears altogether. The great mass of gold lies near the surface, and is consequently only found in large workable quantities on the outskirts of civilization. Until 1875 the world's production of the metal had been decreasing for some years; since then it has been fairly constant, until last year, when there was an increase of six per cent., and this increase may be continued for some time owing to the large production in Africa and some other causes. Only 44 per cent., however, of the output of gold now comes from alluvial sources, in 1875 the proportion from the same strata was 88 per cent. The miners have now to go deeper, invariably the gold is scarcer. Gold mines invariably "pinch out," as the miners say, and though in Queensland and Africa it is still possible to work in the gossan, there is every reason for believing that the ratio between gold and silver will never be re-established by any great find of gold.

So much for the yellow metal. Let us now see what Mr. Suess has to say about silver. This metal he tells us, appears in the alluvial in small quantities only; in the gossan it is sometimes found as pure silver and sometimes in combination with sulphur and arsenic; sometimes it disappears in this zone with increase of depth, but when it is found in combination with volcanic rocks, as in Mexico, Bolivia, Peru, and Chili, for instance, no diminution takes place in the quantities found, and nothing but the increasing heat will stop its extraction from any depth. Reference is then made to the improvements in the methods of working, reducing the loss of silver in the metallurgical process, this loss having been reduced since 1874 from 46 per cent. to 10 per cent. The average cost of production, we are told, is only 8d. per ounce (say 1s. 8d. per dollar) except Mr. Suess's statement, which is not correct, that the cost is not prepared to accept Mr. Suess's statement, since it is notorious that many mines have had to close during the last twelve or eighteen months because they did not pay

the cost of working. However, Mr. Suess is emphatically of opinion that there is no hope of any retrogression in the production of silver. It exists in abundance, it will be produced as long as there is any profit, and the disproportion in the relative values of gold and silver must increase as time goes on. The silver supply of the world can be increased to almost any extent, whereas the gold supply is getting exhausted.

Such is the cheerful prospect presented from the geological point of view. If Mr. Suess's theory and facts are correct the time must come when England and the other countries of Europe will be unable to support the burden of a gold currency; but in the meantime the silver in exchange, with its currency and its on trade, must go on increasing. That the Currency Conference should have decided against making silver half the work and so lessening the strain on gold is as regrettable as it is surprising. The Conference has not yet decided, but the telegraphic intelligence thus far received of the course of its deliberations precludes all hope of a satisfactory issue. Things will find their level in time, no doubt, and trade will adapt itself to the altered conditions, but the next few years will be an anxious and difficult period for all engaged in commerce between silver and gold using countries. The present panic in the London silver market arises from a probably exaggerated idea of the rate at which the gold and silver is likely to be likely to rise, but certain it is that there can be no stability of exchange while the leading nations of Europe refuse to recognize silver as money. If India should unfortunately be induced to join in the scramble for gold, widespread disaster would inevitably ensue, but of that there is happily little probability.

PROGRESS IN TONKIN.

Last year's Customs returns for Tonkin and Annam have just been issued, and they show a very satisfactory result. Mr. LANSBURY, the Governor-General, has been made the object of very severe attacks in the Press, but the figures now published show that his administration has not been altogether unsuccessful. Unless some progress was being made with the settlement of the country the revenue, which may be taken as an index to the state of trade, could not be expected to show an increase. The Customs receipts for Tonkin for the last three years are as follows:—1889, 554,992; 1890, 589,292; 1891, 510,636. The Annam returns also show an increase, though not to the same extent. It would of course conduce to the prosperity of the Colony if the heavy Customs dues were removed or reduced, but that trade should extend as it has done in face of the severe tariff shows that it is capable of. Not only the Customs returns, but also the native taxes, have increased, the figures being for 1890 \$2,047,580, for 1891 \$2,179,740, and for 1892 \$2,350,000. But though these figures show that something has been done in the settlement of the country the constant recurrence of piratical attacks prove that the task is far from being accomplished. If, however, the Government in Paris will refrain from their system of constant changes and leave Mr. LANSBURY undisturbed at his post for a few years rapid improvement in the state of the country may be hoped for.

THE VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT.

The public meeting convened to consider the Volunteer question is to be held in the Council Chamber. This looks as if no very large attendance was expected, but it may be that His Excellency is right in thinking that the amount of interest felt in the movement is not sufficient to draw together a greater number of the public than can be comfortably accommodated in the small room selected for the meeting. At the same time it would, we think, have been more advisable to have selected Sir Andrew's Hall for the purpose, so that if the attendance should be a large one there would be room for all. While it is desirable that all sections of the community should be represented at the meeting and that the heads of firms should, by present to give support to the movement, the class which it is more especially desirable to see there, we take it, is that from which the rank and file of the new corps, if it is ever formed, will have to be drawn. The question has already been pretty well threshed out by the influential committee which has recently reported upon it, and it is improbable that a meeting composed exclusively of jaybirds would be able to carry it much further or add anything valuable to the suggestions that have already been made. What is now wanted is to test the feeling of the young men of the Colony. If they attend the meeting in considerable numbers it may be taken for granted that the interest felt in the movement is sufficient to warrant the belief that a fair number of recruits will be obtained. If, on the other hand, they stay away it will be a sign that Volunteering does not find favour with them and that the project may be at once abandoned. Having got a sufficiently representative meeting together, if that can be done, it would be easy to decide by vote what the character of the new corps should be, whether rifle, artillery, or Maxim gun. Long speeches would be somewhat out of place. There has already been enough said and written on the subject; what now remains to be done is to place the issues as briefly and concisely as possible before those interested and take a decision thereupon. The day fixed for the meeting, being one of those on which the Regatta is to be held, is as unfortunate as the place selected, but on both points no doubt an alteration will be made.

If the effort to infuse new life into the Volunteer movement breaks down it will be a matter for very serious regret, but it would be idle to ignore the fact that there is very little public enthusiasm evinced in regard to it. In the places where the young men of the Colony congregated, on the Cricket Ground or at the Victoria Recreation Club for instance, one will hardly ever hear the subject mentioned. And without enthusiasm the movement has little chance of coming to a successful issue. The Committee in their report seem to have placed rather too much reliance on the attractions of the proposed Volunteer Corps. Only as a means of attracting recruits, the number who could be attracted by means of this sort of fancy, extremely limited, and if the Volunteer movement is to succeed, it must do so on its own merits. The success, in their letter to the Colonial Secretary of the 18th October last, point out the fact that the Russian army of 1873, a hundred and seventy men enrolled themselves and a little while later they were drilled twice a day. And under similar circumstances a great many more than that number would now be found ready to enrol themselves. The Committee express the opinion that there would be no difficulty in obtaining the full number of two hundred men required, provided sufficient inducement is offered and guaranteed and the Government show unmistakably that they are willing to deal liberally with the Corps at the outset. But no inducement the Government can hold out, whether in the shape of a social club or smart uniforms, will be equivalent to the apprehension of serious trouble, and the chance of seeing a little real work as a means of attaining it. So far as we have been able to gauge the feeling of the public, the formation of a Volunteer Corps on anything like the scale suggested by the Committee is entirely out of the question. It appears, however, that there are a number of men who would be willing to join a Rifle Corps, and if they are sufficient to make a workable company it seems a pity to leave this material untutilled. We already have a small but highly efficient Artillery Corps, which it is certainly desirable to maintain as long as the men can be held together. If an efficient Rifle Corps of about the same number could be constituted it would be, we think, about as much as could be expected under the present circumstances of the Colony. We agree entirely with the Committee as to the importance of special inducements in the shape of a social club would attract any large number of men who would otherwise remain indifferent to the movement, we think, be dismissed as chimerical.

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in various designs and great variety.
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IRISH, Square Bottles \$9.00
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Hongkong, 14th December, 1892. [2514]

Public Notice at the Victoria Theatre
THIS DAY
FRONT OF CITY HALL,
FORENOON AND EVENING,
UNTIL 7 O'CLOCK.
TO-MORROW
(THURSDAY), DECEMBER 15th,
POSITIVELY LAST DAY OF SALE.
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WALCOT'S
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Will sharpen all kinds of Knives, Scissors,
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CUTTER.
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For wholesale Orders apply at VICTORIA
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and 16th inst.
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CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.,
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Secretary,
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.,
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Agent,
THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LTD.,
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DODWELL, CARILL & CO.,
SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.,
Hongkong, 13th December, 1892. [2509]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
THE SHORT RANGE CUP will be shot
for on SATURDAY, the 17th inst.
Ranges, 500 and 600 yards. Time 2.45 p.m.
ED. ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1892. [185]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.
The Company's Steamship
"CHINGTU,"
A. Hunt, Commander, will be despatched as
above on THURSDAY, the 22nd inst., at 4 p.m.
The attention of Passengers is directed to
the Superior Accommodation offered by this
Steamer. First-class Saloon and cabins are
situated forward of the Engine. Second-class
Passengers are berthed in the Poop. A Re-
frigerating Chamber ensures the supply of
Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A
daily qualified Surgeon is carried.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1892. [2503]

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Steamship
"PORT ADELAIDE,"
Captain Jamieson, will be despatched as above
on or about FRIDAY, the 31st inst.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
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FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.
The Steamship
"TAIKAN,"
Captain Allison, will be despatched on 24th inst.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S.S. "PRIMROSESHIRE."
FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LON-
DON, AND STRAITS.
CONSIGNEES' Cargo are hereby in-
formed that all Goods are being landed at
their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at
Kowloon, whence and for the wharves de-
livery may be obtained.
Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice
to the contrary be given before 3 p.m. today.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 20th instant will be subject
to rent.
All claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Underwriter on or before the 20th
instant, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 20th instant, at 3 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
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Hongkong, 13th December, 1892. [2507]

AMUSEMENT.
MATINEE, TO-DAY AT 3 P.M.
BRING THE LITTLE ONES TO SEE
THE CIRCUS.
CHILDREN HALF PRICE TO
ALL PARTS.
N.B.—These Day Performances are given to
enable Families who live at a distance to bring
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Two Donkeys will enter to any Person who
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THE EQUIPMENT.
THE GREATEST COMPANY
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AT MATINEES.
Doors Open at 2.30; Performance at 3 sharp.
Children Half-price to all parts of the Circus.
Box Office for Seats at KELLY & WALSH'S.
ROBERT LOVE,
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The pleasure of the Company of the Ladies
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Through the courtesy of Mr. OLIVER the
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Admission to the Flagship Free. Refreshments
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Flagship will be reserved for Schoolchildren.
B. D. SANDERS,
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THE Undermentioned BANKS will be
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